

have to use the passive form.

- 1 When the explosion happened, hundreds of people ..... (pass) through the airport.
- 2 When I heard the phone ring, I ..... (stop) writing to answer it.
- 3 Amy ..... (read), so she didn't see me walking past.
- 4 I ..... (have) piano lessons every week from the age of six onwards.
- 5 We decided to leave the beach because it ..... (get) dark and we wanted to get home while there was still some light.
- 6 ..... Jessica already ..... (think) of leaving university before she failed her first year exams?
- 7 Since the hotel had a pool, ..... you ..... (swim) every day?
- 8 The Industrial Revolution ..... (attract) many people from the country to the city.
- 9 The Hubble Space Telescope ..... (put) into orbit around the Earth in 1990.
- 10 Sorry I couldn't come on Friday, but I ..... (work) on my project.
- 11 By the time we ..... (arrive), the party was almost over.
- 12 The national park ..... (create) to protect local wildlife.

Write a verb from the box in the correct form in each gap.

appear • check • complete • disappear • get • go • kidnap • look • make • mean • open  
press • race • rain • remind • see • start • take • travel • wait • wear • work

## High-tech trouble

It all (1) ..... as I made my way home from work. We (2) ..... on a top secret computer program, and everyone (3) ..... pretty nervous about finishing on time, so it was good to get away from the office. It (4) ..... and it seemed like everyone (5) ..... home at the same time, anxious to avoid getting wet. I (6) ..... down into the underground station and (7) ..... for the train when I (8) ..... her at the end of the platform. She (9) ..... a red leather jacket that (10) ..... me of something I'd seen in a film, although I couldn't remember when. As I watched, she (11) ..... her handbag and (12) ..... out what looked like a hand-held computer. She (13) ..... something on the screen, then (14) ..... in my direction. Suddenly, my mobile phone (15) ..... a sound that (16) ..... I had

Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence, using the word given. Do not change the word given. You must use between three and eight words, including the word given.

- 1 I started working at eight and I was still working at six in the evening, when you called. **been**  
When you called, ..... ten hours.
- 2 We often went to the seaside with our grandparents as children. **would**  
Our grandparents ..... to the seaside as children.
- 3 It's about seven years now since Laura started to learn Russian. **learning**  
Laura ..... seven years.
- 4 Being with the older children soon stopped being frightening when I went to secondary school. **used**  
Secondary school was frightening, but I ..... with the older children.
- 5 Every night for the past week I have had the same dream. **having**  
I ..... for a week now.
- 6 I always disliked karate lessons but now I'm starting to enjoy them. **used**  
I ..... karate lessons, but now I'm starting to.



I Write one word in each gap.

Because the pencil (1) ..... become such a fundamental part of our lives, it's difficult to remember that people (2) ..... not been using them forever. Like other products of human ingenuity, pencils had to be invented.

Before the first half of the sixteenth century, people (3) ..... to use pens to write with and brushes to paint with. It (4) ..... also possible to use a metal stick to make faint marks on paper. However, up to that point no one (5) ..... found an easy way to make marks that could be erased. Then, some time before 1565, a large deposit of the chemical, graphite, (6) ..... found near Borrowdale in Cumbria, England. The locals (7) ..... use this graphite (a kind of soft black rock) to mark sheep. Soon, tales of this unusual soft substance (8) ..... spread to artists around the world, who were eager to use it to produce works of art.

Graphite is soft and dirty, and in order to write or draw with it, it (9) ..... to have to be covered in something, such as sheepskin or string. People had (10) ..... trying to improve the pencil for some time before manufacturers in Italy came up with the idea of enclosing the graphite in a wooden case. The modern pencil was born.

J Choose the correct answer.

- 1 How long ..... before Val finally turned up?  
A have you been waiting      C you waited  
B are you waiting      D had you been waiting
- 2 You ..... be so good at backgammon, did you?  
A never used to      C are used to  
B got used to      D wouldn't
- 3 Could you tell me, sir, what you ..... in the park at three in the morning?  
A have done      C were doing  
B have been doing      D had done
- 4 I was angry when you saw me because I ..... with my sister.  
A have been arguing      C had been arguing  
B argued      D would argue
- 5 *The Black Pirate* ..... over a million copies already this year.  
A had sold      C had been selling  
B has sold      D was selling
- 6 Don't throw the paper away because I ..... it yet.  
A haven't read      C haven't been reading  
B hadn't read      D hadn't been reading
- 7 By the time we arrived, the film .....  
A has already started      C already started  
B would already start      D had already started
- 8 We had to walk home in the end because Jimmy ..... his car keys.  
A has been losing      C was losing  
B had lost      D had been losing
- 9 It took Edward a long time to ..... living in Canada.  
A be used to      C get used to  
B used to      D be used
- 10 I'd love to have lived in the old days, when people ..... to market by horse and carriage.  
A have been travelling      C got used to travelling  
B would travel      D had been travelling
- 11 I much preferred it when we ..... to Wales every summer on holiday.  
A used to go      C had gone  
B were used to going      D have been going
- 12 Your teacher called me today and said that you ..... in the playground again.  
A had been fighting      C have fought  
B used to fight      D would fight